

Detecting the Polarization Signature of Extra-solar Planets

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We have built a polarimeter to measure the polarization signature of the hot-Jupiter extra-solar planets. The design of the polarimeter is presented, together with its detailed performance determined during observations on the William Herschel Telescope in April 2004.

